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TULLIS AND BARBEE FAMILIES

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Tullis and Barbee Lineage

Aaron Tullis Jr.

James M. Tullis

Mary Mackey

Sarah Angeline
Laura Louise
Sophronia E.
Orange Scott
Francis Boucher
Edgar Prindle
Mary Alice
Emma Eliza
Martha Augusta
Anna May
Esta Lou
Ada Belle

William Tullis

Moses Tullis

Aaron Tullis Sr.

Jean ?

Mary Elizabeth Van Dyke

Thomas Barbee

William Tullis

John Barbee

Mary S. Tullis

William Barbee

Elizabeth Welch

Sarah Barbee

Adam Smith

Mary Smith

Elizabeth ?

Barbee Family History

The first ancestor on the Barbee side of our family was probably Thomas Barbee, of Overwharton Parish, Virginia. His son, John Barbee, was born in Stafford county, Virginia, on November 12, 1724.¹

John Barbee's first wife was Elizabeth Welch, who was born in 1725 in Ireland. They were married around 1751. They had six sons: Thomas, John Jr., Daniel, William Sr., Joshua, and Elias. The records of these follow later. Shortly after the birth of Elias, Elizabeth (Welch) Barbee died on August 25, 1763. John Barbee then married Phillis Duncan and had eight children by her: Rosa, Andrew, Susanna, Eleanor, Ann, Ezekial, Lydia, and Betsy.²

John Barbee enlisted in the Revolution and was a Captain of Infantry.³ He emigrated from Virginia to Mercer county, Kentucky, near Danville (now Boyle county), as early as 1779, leaving his six oldest sons in the war to follow later. He lived on his farm "Stony Point," until he received a grant of land from the government, at which time he moved on the Lexington Pike.⁴

"Truly they (John Barbee and sons) were amongst the few whose courage nothing could daunt or subdue and who first planted in Kentucky the habitation of Civilization. Amid dangers and Privations now unknown to our western pioneer.

"They with untiring effort with the implements of husbandry in one hand subdued the forest, and the weapons of defence in the other, subdued the savage foe. I have heard my father (William Barbee Sr.) relate his adventures across the Mountain with his pack horse to get those little articles of Salt, Iron, Amunition

¹ DAR application of Miss Polly Stebbins Telford, National Number 335558, November 8, 1946, p. 2.

² Material received from Mrs. Marjorie Miller Dillon, DAR National Number, 302975, March 8, 1961, (including references from Draper Letters; letters from Miss Nannie Barbee of Danville, Ky.; Mrs. Harry W. Randolph of Cincinnati; Mrs. Frank Allen of Ann Arbor; Miss Lillie M. Porterfield of Yellow Springs, Ohio; and records of Mrs. W. S. Telford of Duluth, Minn., and Livingston's Eminent Americans), p. 1.

³ Telford, op. cit., p. 4.

⁴ Dillon, op. cit., p. 2.

and a few rude articles of clothing and House Hold goods indispensable to their exhistance, and the narrow escaps and fateagues incident to such advantures."5

John Barbee died on February 20, 1805. His wife Phillis (Duncan) Barbee died on March 16, 1826. A copy of John Barbee's will follows:

"In the name of God Amen.--

"I, John Barbee of the County of Mercer and State of Kentucky, do make this my last will and Testament, in manner and form following--

"Impremis - My will and desire is that all my just debts should be first paid out of any money that may come into the hands of my Executor, here in after named, whether from debts due or as the proceeds of either real or personal property belonging to my Estate, all of which I desire may be sold by my Executors.

"Item - I give and devise to my following children, to wit - John Barbee, Daniel Barbee, William Barbee, Elias Barbee, Andrew Barbee, Ezekial Barbee, Susanna Purnel, and Eleanor Bradford, all my Estate, both real, mixed, and personal, of what so ever kind and nature, to be equally divided between them after satisfying the special Legacys herein after mentioned, the payment of my just debts, and the allowance made to my wife, with the special proviso that John Barbee is to be charged with one hundred Acres of land lying in the County of Mercer at one hundred pounds;

"William Barbee be charged with one hundred pounds for the tract of land where on he now lives;

"Ezekial Barbee to be charged with one hundred pounds for one hundred Acres of land, being a part of the tract I now reside on, (the whole of the tract being deeded to the said Ezekial the third of February, one thousand eight hundred and one).

5 Letter from William Barbee Jr. to John Barbee III (his cousin) on January 14, 1846. This is part of the Draper Manuscripts. About 1846 an effort was made to publish a book to be called the "Western Pioneers." To that end letters were sent to the early settlers. The book was never published, but the letters received are now in the files of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin. The Barbee part of the Draper Manuscripts consists of one letter each written to Mr. Draper by John Barbee III and by William Barbee Jr. The third letter was written by William Barbee Jr. to John Barbee III.

"Daniel Barbee to be charged with one hundred pounds for one negro boy named Jack;

"Andrew Barbee to be charged with one hundred pounds for one negro boy named Charles;

"Elias Barbee to be charged with sixty pounds for a negro boy named George;

"Susanna Purnel to be charged fifty pounds for a negro girl named Charity;

"Eleanor Bradford to be charged with sixty pounds for a negro boy named Aaron, which several pieces of property have here to fore been given in advance by me to each of them respectively, that the several sums so to be charged is not to be augmented by the addition of interest, but to be considered as if given on the day of my decease.

"I leave to my wife during her natural life, the occupancy of the Mansion house and also one third of my personal property, at her decease to be equally divided amongst the afore said mentioned legatees.

"I give to my granddaughter Lucy Bradford, one negro girl named Eve, one horse of the value of twenty pounds, also one feather bed and furniture;

"I leave to my son Joshua Barbee one dollar, it being his wish that his portion of my Estate should be equally divided between his brothers and sisters.

"Lastly I appoint my sons Joshua Barbee and Andrew Barbee Executors to this my last will, hereby revoking all others.

"In Testimony where of I have here unto set my hand and seal this twentieth day of May, one thousand and eight hundred and one.

John Barbee (Seal)

Signed, sealed, and published
by the testator, in presence of
Lipscomb Norvel,
John Turner,
John Garr,
Elias Fisher

Recorded February, 1805.⁶

⁶ Mercer County, Kentucky, Court Records, Will Book III, p. 88.

Children of John and Elizabeth (Welch) Barbee

THOMAS BARBEE was born November 29, 1752. He was married twice, each time to a Miss Slaughter. They were cousins. When he was seventeen, he ran away from home because of trouble with his step-mother. He served three years in the Revolution and became Captain. He moved to Kentucky with the rest of the family after the war. The Barbees were among the first settlers of the Kentucky wilderness. In the great Indian outbreak incited by the British at Detroit, Thomas was made Brigadier General of the Kentucky Volunteers under General Anthony Wayne. His brother Joshua was his business partner and inherited his estate when he died in 1797. A monument was erected in Danville to him and his brother Joshua.

JOHN BARBEE JR. was born May 5, 1755. He married Patty Gaines in Lincoln, Kentucky, on March 12, 1788, and they lived for a while in Shelby county, Kentucky. Then they moved to Terre Haute, Indiana, in 1815. He had a large family of children.⁷

DANIEL BARBEE was born July 30, 1757, and died at Danville, Kentucky, in 1834, leaving no children. He acted as postmaster at Danville from 1812 until shortly before his death.

WILLIAM BARBEE SR. was born September 14, 1759. His biography appears later.

JOSHUA BARBEE was born August 13, 1761. He married Elizabeth Hobson and had two children: Thomas and Sarah. As mentioned before, he inherited the estate of his brother Thomas. Joshua died October 8, 1839.

ELIAS BARBEE was born June 14, 1763. He married a Miss Slaughter and had several children: John, William, and Lucy being the only ones known. Because his daughter Lucy was a deaf mute, he used his influence to establish the Deaf and Dumb Institution of Kentucky. He died in Green county on October 6, 1843.

Children of John and Phillis (Duncan) Barbee

ANDREW BARBEE was born March 15, 1767. He married Margaret Bradford and had a son Ira. He was killed by a fall from his horse in 1813.

EZEKIAL BARBEE was born November 4, 1774. He married a Miss Briant and died about 1820.

SUSANNA BARBEE was born March 18, 1769. She married William Purnell December 18, 1784

ELEANOR BARBEE was born January 22, 1771, and married Judge Felding Bradford.

ROSA BARBEE died prior to 1805. The other three children: ANN, LYDIA, and BETSY, probably died in infancy.⁸

William Barbee Sr.

WILLIAM BARBEE SR. was born in Mechlenburg, Culpepper county, Virginia, on September 14, 1759.⁹ At the age of seventeen, he enlisted in the Revolutionary War in Colonel Elias Burwell's regiment.¹⁰ William was with Washington the night he crossed the Delaware and captured one thousand Hessians. On February 23, 1781, he was married to Mary Smith of Culpepper county. She was the daughter of Adam and Elizabeth Smith.

Adam Smith was a drafter from the Militia of Culpepper county, Virginia, before 1760. He went to the frontiers near Pattison's Creek in Hampshire county under the command of Captain William Brown. After being there some time in the winter season and in want of necessities, they (the militia) applied to Captain Brown for leave to return home. Captain Brown promised to discharge them if they would stay and build a fort, which they did in 63 days and then returned home without any discharge. Along with his fellow militia men, Adam petitioned the House of Burgesses for his pay. The petition was read a second time, but the House did not pass.¹¹

On March 16, 1778, Adam enlisted in the Revolutionary War in Captain Michael Bowyer's company of the 12th Virginia Regiment, as a fifer. He later became a drummer in the 4th, 8th, and 12th regiments. He received 7 1/3 dollars a month until July, when he became a private. His pay was then 6 2/3 dollars a month. In July of 1779, he again became a fifer, and his pay went back to 7 1/3 dollars.¹²

"William Barbee Sr. left Virginia for Kentucky, descended the river and landed at the mouth, Beargrass, where Louisville now stands. Thence to Fischer's Station near the town of Danville.

⁸ Ibid., p. 3-5.

⁹ Telford, op. cit., p. 2.

¹⁰ Material from Mrs. Norton Lindenberger, Troy, Ohio, who has done research on Miami county Archives.

¹¹ Journal of the House of Burgesses, Volume I, 1758-61, p. 26.

¹² Records of the General Services Administration, Washington, D.C.

Here they fortified themselves in the midst of hostile Indians, who held control over that part of the country."¹³

In 1804, William sold his land in Fayette county and prepared to move to the Ohio frontier. The following is his deed to Abraham Bird.

"This indenture made the 8th day of October in the Year of Our Lord, 1804. Between William Barbee and Mary his wife, (of the County of Fayette and the Commonwealth of Kentucky) of the one part and Abraham Bird (of the County of Fayette and the Commonwealth of Kentucky) aforesaid of the other part witnesseth:

"That said William Barbee and Mary his wife, for and in consideration of one thousand six hundred and eighty three dollars current money of Kentucky to them in hand paid; the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged.

"Having granted, bargained and sold and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell and confirm unto the said Abraham Bird his heirs and assigns, all that tract and parcel of land situated and lying in the County of Fayette on the waters of the North Elkhorn, containing one hundred fifty-three acres and bounded as follows:

"Beginning at sugar tree corner to Jacob Frey and David Goodnight, thence running north forty-five degrees, west two hundred fifty-six poles to a sugar and ironwood tree on a line to Francis Kirtley; thence with his line south eighteen degrees; west one hundred nine and one half poles to a buckeye and sugar tree on said Kirtley line; thence south forty-one degrees; east two hundred ten poles with a line of Samuel Patterson's to a black walnut ironwood and hickory tree; thence with said Goodnight's line one hundred twelve and one half poles to the beginning, containing one hundred fifty three acres, etc.

Test Levi Todd

Delivered to owner March 14, 1809 Clerk of Court"¹⁴

In 1804 the family moved northward. "He (William Sr.) settled on the Miami River in what is now Miami county, near Troy, Ohio, then almost a wilderness. His removal to Ohio and the purchase of a tract of land exhausted his means and left the family (located)

¹³ John Livingston, Eminent Americans Now Living, 1854, Vol. IV.

¹⁴ Fayette County, Kentucky, Court Records.

in a log cabin) with no help except the one son, then sixteen years of age and a rather indolent and unpromising youth, but who with stern necessity before him, rose to the occasion and in four years, cleared the land for his father."¹⁵

William Sr. took up the following land patents in Miami county:
Sec. 8 Town. 5 Range 6 12-22-1803 with Robert Marshall
" 28 " " 9-4-1805 with Alexander Mc Cullough
On July 31, 1807, he and Alexander Mc Cullough deeded the E $\frac{1}{2}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 28 to the Town Director for \$421.50.¹⁶ William Barbee was one of the first Associate Judges of Miami county.¹⁷

"He was one of the most noted men in this county (Miami); genial, whole-souled, and hospitable, the idol and sunshine of his own household. While he was kind, he was at the same time firm in character, and inflexible in purpose. He was an inveterate talker, relished a joke, and was never happier than when surrounded by congenial spirits. Sometimes he would so far forget himself as to cause serious concern of his friends for his safety."¹⁸

One morning when the family lived in Kentucky, he came into the house and told his wife not to hurry up the dinner, as he had to ride over to Lexington. Mrs. Barbee kept dinner until a late hour, put supper on the table, and still no husband. By dinner the next day he still had not returned. Being able to stand it no longer and being sure that he had been killed, she started out on the road to Lexington. When she met him he was full of laughter; needless to say she was in quite a different mood. He had met one of his cronies, Mr. Breckenridge, when he arrived in Lexington. They had fallen into a discussion on the slavery question. Mr. Breckenridge was pro slavery, and William Barbee was an ultra abolitionist. Apparently they had not noticed the passage of time.

"Mr. Barbee was a philosopher; not a book philosopher, but a mental philosopher.....He could prove without the use of booksthat if a mosquito were to light on the mantle piece, it would bend itHis conversation was always edifying. It was no trouble for him to prove that various persons always did what they supposed would most promote their happiness. When there was no preacher present, he often talked in meeting. He often amplified at great length the proposition that one always acts according to one's

¹⁵ Livingston, op. cit.

¹⁶ Miami County, Ohio, Land Patents.

¹⁷ Lindenberger, op. cit.

¹⁸ W. H. Beers, History of Miami County, Ohio, 1881, p. 228.

own faith. Another subject that he delighted to elaborate on was, that everyone had just as much religion as he desired to have."¹⁸

William Barbee also took a conspicuous part in the War of 1812, but he died before its close. He was a captain of a company of old men formed in Miami county for the defense of the surrounding territory. The investment of Fort Wayne by the Indians in the fall of 1812 had caused great fear in all of northwestern Ohio. The company gathered at Piqua and was intending to march on to Fort Recovery. However, when they were ready to depart, Captain Barbee could not be found. He was in conference with General Harrison. The company went on without him. William Barbee remained at Piqua with General Harrison. While there, he had a position in the Commissary Department, which he retained until his last sickness, when he was removed to his home.¹⁹ After a brief illness he died on September 21, 1813.²⁰ He is buried in a cemetery across from the Alexander Telford farm north of Troy.

"My father died in 1813 then 54 years of age. Mother died last September (1845), being 86 years of age. Within the last two years two of my aged uncles had died - from either or from My Mother I could have given you many interesting and important facts, especially in reference to the early events in Kentucky and especially the battle of the Blue-Licks. My Father then a young man (but lately returning from the ranks of the Revolution) was in that bloody and ever memorable battle and more than once have I heard him relate the bloody contest. He lost his horse (his only animal) in the flight, by giving the animal to a wounded friend on which to save his life. At this Moment our Men were flying in every direction. Many in the river crossing all trying each to save himself. My Father and two others in the flight seeing the ford of the River full and the Indians in hot pursuit cutting them down; determined to take a little different route, and crossed the River a short distance below but were pursued by two Indians his Companions got their guns wet. And he supposed his was also, untill at the last extremity he saved his own, and the life of one of his companions by his killing one of the savages, as they advanced to tomhawk the two- for they were then run down and some distance up the cliff or hill from the river the Indians having killed one of the three and supposing all the guns were wet advanced with their tomhaws.

¹⁸ Ibid., p. 228f.

¹⁹ Ibid., p. 229f.

²⁰ Telford, op. cit., p. 2.

"My father entered the army of the revolution at 17 years of age and served three years, also he had 5 brothers all of which were in the army at the same time, after which, they with their father left Virginia and settled in Kentucky near Danville built and lived in the first stations of Block Houses was engaged in all excursions against the Indians both in Kentucky and Ohio up to 1794 when Wayne defeated the Indians at the Rapids of the Maumee.

"I had two uncles in Waynes expedition Gen. Thomas Barbee whose Brigade was in the battle of the Rapids and Capt. Danl Barbee whose company was also in the same; My Father was not, I think in that expedition; My Father was One of a party who went from Piqua (then an Indian Town Eight miles above this place on the Miami River) after dark rode some 20 mile, burnt and destroyed Laurimers store and village, on Laurimee's creek and returned to Piqua same night this was I think in the year 82 and from thence returned with their party to Kentucky Ohio being then as you know an entire Indian country.

"....I will remark that in the last war (1812) My Father Volunteered and was immediately surrounded by a volunteer Company (Yr humble servant being one) we chose him as our commander and marched to the frontier North. He was subsequently in the quarter master department untill he died in 1813. Col. Joshua Barbee came from Kentucky with a Regiment and lay at St Marys the winter of 1812-13. he was my fathers younges(t) brother but since dead a short time since. I served in two expeditions in the last war. so you see we are and have been ever ready to fight for our country. I am the only male of the name in Ohio--and whilest I am for my country as my Fathers were, I am not for Texas, Mexico, nor am I for 54 40 Oregon."²¹

"I had the pleasure of seeing this uncle (William Sr.) only 10 days before his death I called on him on my way to the North western army and spent one day with him, I found him truly a soldier ardently attached to his country and her interest, he made me promise to return into his neighborhood and spend the next winter with him as I was a single man and could be spared from Ky his object was to have a select coare (corp) of young men to act as Rangers in the north of his settlement as it was then a frontier and was often alarmed by in roads of Indians, but Pery's victory on the lake and the taking Procters army on the Thames gave the settlement security from the Indians- I was not discharged until I reached Maysville Ky and did not know of this

²¹ William Barbee, Jr. to L. C. Draper, August 20, 1846, Draper Manuscripts.

uncles death untill I reached Lexington--This uncle was the first to leave Ky and emigrate to a frontier of any of the brothers."²²

After William Barbee's death, his wife married Aaron Tullis Sr. on October 3, 1816.²³ Hereafter her history becomes a part of his.

Children of William and Mary (Smith) Barbee

ELIZABETH BARBEE was born November 23, 1781. She married James Johnson, September 8, 1803. They had two children: Thomas B., and Mary. Mrs. Johnson died December 3, 1811.

THOMAS BARBEE was born March 3, 1784. He married Alice Winson. Dr. Barbee lived in Cincinnati and had three children: Alice, Isabella, and Mary. Dr. Barbee died October 13, 1821.

LUCY BARBEE was born March 28, 1786, and was married to Thomas Kyle on April 27, 1807. He died October 8, 1808. She then married Dr. John Gilmore Telford on November 17, 1816. They had three children: Charles, Nancy Ann, and Lucy. Lucy Telford died January 8, 1859.

WILLIAM BARBEE JR. was born December 9, 1788. He married Margaret Marshall November 2, 1809. She died April 17, 1849. Then he married Melissa Tullis by whom he had two children: Mary and William. He was a representative in the Ohio Legislature from 1829 to 1831.²⁴ He also helped build the first courthouse in Miami county in 1820. He was an associate judge of common pleas court and a part of the Ohio Constitutional Convention of 1850. In the 1850's, he moved to Lafayette, Indiana, and he died there in 1858.²⁵

POLLY BARBEE was born April 23, 1791, and died November 18, 1792.

SARAH BARBEE was born August 24, 1793, and her biography will follow later.

NANCY BARBEE was born April 18, 1796. She married James Brown December 20, 1814. They had the following children: Alfred, Maria, Sarah, William, James, Daniel, Mary, Eliza, and Minerva. Nancy Brown died April 29, 1885

²² John Barbee III to L. C. Draper, May 30, 1846, Draper Manuscripts.

²³ Miami County, Ohio, Marriage Records.

²⁴ Legislative Manual of the State of Ohio, 1915-16.

²⁵ Lindenberger, op. cit.

SUSANNAH BARBEE was born May 5, 1798. She married David R. Tullis November 28, 1815. They had the following children: Charles, David, Mary, Harriett, William, Clarissa, Malvina, and James C. Susannah Tullis died May 23, 1863.²⁶

MELINDA BARBEE was born November 14, 1800. She married Lewis Barbee September 14, 1820. She had five children. Her husband died, and she married Findley Telford and had two more children. Melinda Telford died September 11, 1877.

ELISA BARBEE was born July 31, 1803, and died December 6, 1803.

MELISSA BARBEE was born July 22, 1805, and died March 30, 1807.²⁷

Sarah (Barbee) Tullis

SARAH BARBEE was born August 24, 1793, in Mercer County, Kentucky. She came with her parents in 1804 to Miami County, Ohio. Here on September 3, 1812, she was married to William Tullis.²⁸ This marriage brought about our ancestral union of the Barbee and Tullis families. From here on her history becomes part of that of William Tullis.

²⁶ Miami County, Ohio, Court Records.

²⁷ Dillon, op. cit., p. 7f.

²⁸ Miami County, Ohio, Marriage Records.

Tullis Family History

Our first Tullis ancestor in this country was probably William Tullis, who came over from Scotland in 1732 to Cumberland county, New Jersey.

"Tradition says that in the year 1732 there came to this country from Scotland and the North of Ireland and from Germany, a small colony of Presbyterians, bringing their Bibles and catechisms in their trunks, and the Spirit of God in their hearts, and settled in what is now called Deerfield and Hopewell townships, then a wild wilderness, wooded with large timber and inhabited by Indians, with very little of the soil cleared. There was, however, a clearing not far from where this old stone church now stands, of some hundreds of acres of new land, and very fertile, on which grass grew luxuriant, and the wild deer came out into this clearing in large numbers to feed, from which the place derived the name of Deerfield. Those men distributed themselves; they bought land in different parts of those two townships, as it is now arranged, and erected their log houses; for there were no other kind in those days. And when they procured houses for their families, they met together and concluded to erect a building for a school house, and in which they might also hold religious services."²⁹ William Tullis was one of the Ruling Elders who served this church, which was located in Cumberland county. Due to the fact that more than one William Tullis appears in the Cumberland county records, it is not certain when he died or who his children or wife was.

Moses Tullis

MOSES TULLIS, son of William, was born around 1728. In 1751, he was married to Mary Elizabeth Van Dyke,³⁰ whose ancestors had come from Amsterdam prior to the English conquest. Fourteen children were born to them: Moses, Aaron, Jonathan, Michael, Thomas, daughter (Mrs. Timothy Sewell), David, John, Marium, Samuel, Joel, Amos, William, and Isaac. Information on them will appear later.

In 1762, Moses purchased land in Frederick county, Virginia, later a part of Berkeley county.

"This INDENTURE made the Second Day of August in the year of our

²⁹ From a book published by the Cumberland County Deerfield Presbyterian Church at its 150th anniversary.

³⁰ From records written by Mrs. Amanda (Tullis) Murray, g. granddaughter of Moses Tullis. Supplied by Mrs. Robert Marben, Richardson, Texas.

Lord One Thousand seven hundred and sixty two Between Lawrence Harrison of the County of Frederick and Colony of Virginia of the one part and Moses Tullis of the County and Colony aforesaid of the other part WITNESSETH that for and in consideration of the sum of five Shillings current money of Virginia to the said Lawrence Harrison in Hand paid by the said Moses Tullis on or before the Sealing and Delivering of these presents the receipt whereof he doth hereby acknowledge he the said Lawrence Harrison Hath granted Demised and to Farm let and by these presents Doth Grant Demise and to Farm let unto the said Moses Tullis all that piece parcel or Tract of land lying and being in the county aforesaid and granted to Jacob Hite by Deed under the Hands and Seal of the Right Honorable THOMAS LORD FAIRFAX Bearing date the seventeenth Day of March in the year One Thousand seven hundred and fifty two and being Sold Transferred and Conveyed by the said Jacob Hite to the said Lawrence Harrison by Deed of Lease and Release Bearing Date the fifth and sixth Days of June one thousand seven hundred and fifty eight and Bounded as followeth: BEGINNING at a stake standing in the line of Henry Lloyd thence Extending North Fifty Eight West Eighty four Poles to a stake thence South Fifty West one hundred and sixty poles to a Hickory thence South thirty five West Eighty Poles to a Hickory thence twenty five East one hundred and sixty Poles to a stake thence East one hundred and forty two Poles to a hickory standing in the line of Henry Lloyd sixty Poles to his corner thence with line North five East three hundred and fourteen Poles to the beginning, containing three hundred and forty six acres and all Houses Buildings, orchards, Ways, Water Ways, Courses, Profits Commodities Hereditaments and appurtenances whatsoever to the said Premises hereby granted or any part thereof Belonging or in any wise appertaining of in and to the said Premises AND all Deeds Evidences and Writings touching or concerning the same TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said Tract or parcel of Land aforementioned and all and singular other the premises Hereby granted and Demised and every part and parcel thereof with their and every of their appurtenances unto the said Moses Tullis his heirs and administrators for and during and unto the full End and Term of one whole year from hence Ensuing fully to be completed and Ended Yielding and Paying therefore the Rent of one Ear of Indian Corn to the said Lawrence Harrison on the last Day of the said Term if the same shall be lawfully Demanded to the intent and purpose That by virtue of these Presents and of the Statute for Transferring Uses into Possession of the said Moses Tullis may be in the more full and actual possession of the Premises and thereby be the Better Enabled to accept and take a Grant and Release of the Reversion and Inheritance thereof to him and his Heirs. In Witness whereof the said Lawrence Harrison hath hereunto set his hand and Seal the Day and year first above written.

Lawr Harrison (Seal)"31

This land was located in the vicinity of the present day town of Hedgesville, West Virginia. After purchasing the land, he probably brought his family out to Virginia, although he himself went back to his native state of New Jersey to enlist in the Revolution. Along with his brother William he served in Captain Joseph Bloomfield's company, third Battalion, first establishment, New Jersey Continental Line. William died during the war on January 24, 1777. Moses enlisted February 21, 1776. He was mustered into service at Ticonderoga, New York, on November 25, 1776, by Richard Varick, Deputy Mustermaster General. On December 20 of that year, he was promoted to Corporal. He was again mustered at Mount Independence, New York, on February 23, 1777, by Richard Varick.³²

Early in June of 1777, Moses, apparently in poor health, made the following will in Berkeley county, Virginia (now West Virginia).

"In the Name of God Amen I Moses Tullis of Berkeley County in the Colony of Virginia being sick of Body but of perfect and sound memory thanks to Almighty God for his mercies and calling to mind the uncertain state of life in this world that all flesh must once die therefore do think proper to dispose of such worldly substance as it pleased God to possess me of at present in manner and form following that is to say I first order my Body to be decently interred in such place as shall be thought most convenient and that all my just debts as I owe in right conscience to any manner person or persons be justly paid by my Executors hereafter named within convenient time after my decease and now for my worldly affairs FIRST I leave my beloved wife Mary Elizabeth one third part of all my plantation and my Bed and furniture and the mare she commonly rides with saddle and bridle and one third part of all Cows Horses (one Colt excepted) Sheep Hogs Impliments of labour household furniture and crops now growing Secondly I leave to my beloved Son Aaron Tullis the Sorrel Colt and all and every of the remaining two thirds of the Land and other goods. I order to be sold by my Executors and equally divided to each of my children an equal part or share and at my wifes decease I order her third share of the plantation to be sold and an equal division of it to be made to all my children then living or to their Heirs This I make constitute and ordain to be my last Will and Testament disannulling all other Will or Wills by me heretofore made either by word or Write I constitute Timothy Sewell my Son in Law and Aaron Tullis my son both of Berkeley County in Virginia to be my whole and sole Executors to see this my last Will and Testament duly and truly executed

³² Recorded in the New Jersey Department of Defense, Trenton.

according to the best of their skill and conscience within convenient time after my decease IN WITNESS whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this Tenth day of June, 1777 Seven

Moses Tullis (LS)

Properly signed by the Testator being truly read before in the presence of us Moses Tullis Junr Jonathan Tullis John Loan

"At a court held for Berkeley County the 21st day of October 1777 This Last Will and Testament of Moses Tullis deceased was proved by the oaths of Jonathan Tullis and John Loan two of the witnesses thereto and ordered to be in office And at a Court held for the said County the 18th day of November 1777 This said Will was presented in Court by Timothy Sewell and Aaron Tullis the Executors therein named who made oath thereto according to Law and the same is admitted to Record and on the motion of the said Executors who entered into Bond with John Wright and Peter Burr their securities and the penalty of five Hundred pounds conditioned for their true and faithful administration of the said Estate certificate is granted them for obtaining a probate thereof in due form of law.

Teste

Will Drew Co Clk"33

Moses Tullis Sr. thus died sometime between June 10 and October 21, 1777. It seems that he had obligated his eldest son Moses Jr. to a large sum of money and then died suddenly. The following document signed by Moses Jr. concerns his bond to his brothers and sisters, and it also indicates that there were 14 children.

"KNOW ALL MEN by these presents that I Moses Tullis of the County of Berkeley in the State of Virginia am held and firmly bound unto David Tullis John Tullis Marium Tullis Samuel Tullis Joel Tullis Amos Tullis William Tullis and Isaac Tullis in the sum of Two Thousand pounds Current Money of Virginia to be paid to the said David Tullis John Tullis Marium Tullis Samuel Tullis Joel Tullis Amos Tullis William Tullis and Isaac Tullis their Executors Administrators or Assigns to which payment will and Truly to be made I bind myself my Heirs Executors and Administrators jointly and Severally firmly by these presents Sealed with my Seal dated this seventeenth Day of March One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy eight, WHEREAS Moses Tullis the Elder late of the county of Berkeley and State of Virginia Deceased did in and by his last will and testament in Writing Direct that the Tract of

Land whereon he then lived containing by Estimation three Hundred and forty Six acres should be sold to the highest bidder and the money arising from the sale equally Divided amongst all his children and after making the same Departed this Life leaving behind him the above bound Moses Tullis his eldest son and Heir at Law, the said David Tullis John Tullis Marium Tullis Samuel Tullis Joel Tullis Amos Tullis William Tullis and Isaac Tullis Infants under the age of twenty one years and six more of full age and whereas some Disputes have Aresen with Respect to the probate of the said will whereby the above bound Moses Tullis conceives himself as Heir at Law to be entitled to the whole of the Land but desires to avoid all Litigation Controversies and at the same time in some Degree to Comply with the Directions contained in the said will of the said Moses Tullis his father hath agreed to pay unto each of the children of the said Moses Tullis his Father the sum of Forty pounds Current Money of Virginia in full satisfaction of any Interest or Claim which they or any of them might have in the said Tract of Land and or the will of the said Moses Tullis the father aforesaid NOW THE CONDITION of the above Obligation is such that the within bound Moses Tullis do well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto each of them the said David Tullis John Tullis Marium Tullis Samuel Tullis Joel Tullis Amos Tullis William Tullis and Isaac Tullis the sum of forty pounds current money of Virginia as they shall Respectively come of age to receive the same then the within Obligation to be void or else to Remain in full force and Virtue

Sealed and Delivered in presence of Moses Tullis (Seal)
 Peter Burr William Buckles William Osborn
 At a Court held for Berkeley County the 17th day of March 1778.
 This bond was acknowledged by Moses Tullis Party thereto and
 ordered to be recorded.

Teste

Examined

Will Drew C B C³⁴

 Concerning the children of Moses and Mary Elizabeth (Van Dyke) Tullis, there is little information on most of them. Moses Jr. was the eldest. David Tullis was married to Hannah Longacre on January 22, 1788. William Tullis was married to Tobitha Teanis February 1, 1793, and John Tullis was married to Ellinor Cornwell May 16, 1799.³⁵

³⁴ Berkeley County, West Virginia Court Records, Deed Book 4, p. 465.

³⁵ Berkeley County, West Virginia, Marriage Records.

At this writing nothing is known of the other children of Moses and Mary Tullis, with the exception of Aaron and Michael. In June of 1775 they both enlisted in Captain Stephenson's company of riflemen.³⁶

"In June, 1775, the Continental Congress ordered two companies of riflemen to be raised in Virginia and upon the recommendation of Washington, Daniel Morgan of Frederick and Hugh Stephenson of Berkeley were commanded to lead the Virginians. Hugh Stephenson organized his company, 'The Berkeley Riflemen,' to serve one year in the Continental Army.

"....this company was ordered within a week and 'none were received but young men of character, and of sufficient property to clothe themselves completely, find their own arms, and accoutrements, that is, an approved rifle, a handsome shot pouch and powder horn, blanket, knapsack.'

"For their uniform they adopted hunting jackets made of linsey-woolsey fringed on every edge, leather leggins, and mocassins. Each wore a back-tail in his round hat and had a tomahawk, scalping knife, and powder horn in his belt. Each man had the words, 'Liberty or Death,' embroidered upon the breast of his hunting shirt. Their banner was emblazoned with a coiled rattlesnake with the motto, 'Don't Tread on Me.'

"With all the difficulties met as to equipment, etc., Captain Hugh Stephenson and Daniel Morgan agreed that Stephenson, who was the senior officer, should cross the Potomac at Shepherdstown and Morgan from Winchester would cross at Harper's Ferry. The two companies were then to meet in Frederick Town and proceed to headquarters at Cambridge, Massachusetts.

"Hugh Stephenson (commonly called Stinson) began his march from Morgan's Spring (near Mecklenburg or Shepherdstown) on July 17, 1775. Upon arriving in Frederick Town, he found that Morgan had crossed the river the day before and did not wait for him, as agreed upon. The company marched in single file, averaging from 30 to 36 miles a day. The distance in a 'bee line' to Boston was a little less than 600 miles. Stephenson's company arrived in Boston on the 11th day of August."³⁷

Michael re-enlisted in 1776 and served in Captain Daniel Culp's and Captain William Drake's Virginia regiments. During the

³⁶ Mrs. Bernis Brien, 145 Family Records, Vol. II, p. 124.

³⁷ Mabel Henshaw Gardiner and Ann Henshaw Gardiner, Chronicles of Old Berkeley, 1938, p. 19f.

last year of his service, he was a member of General Washington's life guard and served under Captain Livingston. He was in the battles of Staten Island, Brandywine, and Germantown.

Michael was first married to ? and had five or six children. His second wife, Elizabeth Jones, he married June 24, 1791, in Bath county, Virginia. They had issue:

Moses	6-6-1792
Thomas B.	7-26-1794
Samuel	3-20-1796
Jonathan	3-22-1798
David J.	2-9-1800
Isaac	4-16-1802
Aaron	10-11-1804
Mary	6-22-1807

Handwritten: Jane B. 1819
Tullis

He is said to have had eighteen children, but these are the only records that survive. He remained in Warren county, Ohio, for some time and eventually lived in Butler county, Ohio, and Franklin county, Indiana, where he died on March 2, 1832.³⁸

Aaron Tullis Sr.

AARON TULLIS SR. was born September 25, 1753, in New Jersey. He married Jean ? around 1777. They had the following children: Moses, Sarah, Aaron Jr., Stephen, John, William, Caty, David R., and Joel. These biographies follow later. After Joel's birth, Jean Tullis died, and Aaron married Sarah A. Thomson around 1793. She was born in 1756. They had one child, John Thomson.³⁹

Around 1780 the family moved to Danville, Mercer county, Kentucky. In 1794, Aaron and Sarah sold property to William Terhune.

"This indenture made this 28th day of January in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and ninety four, between Aaron Tullis and Sally his wife of the County of Mercer and State of Kentucky of the one part and William Terhune of the said County and state, of the other part. Witnesseth that the said Aaron Tullis and Sarah his wife for and in consideration of the sum of --pounds to them in hand, paid by the said William Terhune, the receipt where of they hereby acknowledge, have bargained and sold, and by these presents do bargain sell and confirm unto

³⁸ Material from records of Elva and Alma Tullis, Salina, Kansas, descendants of Michael.

³⁹ Brien, op. cit. p. 124.

the said William Terhune a certain tract or parcel of land lying in the County of Mercer on Harrods Run, containing one hundred and fifty acres and bounded as follows to wit--

"Beginning at a small elm, two sugar trees, and two dead black oaks, corner to Montgomery and running thence with Bowman's line one hundred and seventy four poles to a white oak and two buckeyes in McBrides line, thence with him East, one hundred and two poles to two white oaks and a lonely locust, thence with said McBride South one hundred and four poles to four white oaks, all from one root, thence East with said McBride ninety poles crossing Harrod's Run to two small white oaks and a hickory, corner to Washburn, thence with him South sixty eight poles to two white oaks and a buckeye standing in Montgomery's line, thence with him west two hundred and one pole to the beginning or in any wise appertaining what so ever, to have and to hold the said lands and premisses free from all incumberances of what so ever kind, excepting the late revenues, and the said Aaron Tullis and Sally his wife do by these presents for themselves, their heirs, Executors, and Administrators, warrant and forever defend the said land and premisses with a good and sufficient title to the same in fee simple to the said William Terhune, his heirs and assigns against the claim or claims of any person or persons what so ever.

"In witness where of the said Aaron Tullis and Sally his wife have here unto interchangeably set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

Aaron Tullis (Seal)
her
Sarah x Tullis (Seal)
mark

Signed, sealed, and acknowledged
in presence of-----

Jan. Court, 1794

Mercer Sct.

This indenture made and acknowledged by Aaron Tullis and Sarah his wife, a party there to, to be their act and Deed. She having been first privately examined and relinquished her right of Dower there in as the Law directs, and ordered to be recorded.

Teste Thos. Allin, C. C."40

40 Mercer County, Kentucky, Court Records, Deed Book III, p. 80.

After selling in Mercer county, the family moved to Georgetown, Fayette county, Kentucky. Near the end of the century they again moved to Warren county, Ohio, near Lebanon in Turtle Creek township. On December 5, 1801, Francis Beedle and wife Mary sold to Aaron Tullis, and on February 10, 1802, Jonathan Dayton deeded to Aaron Tullis 110 acres, located in the third or Military range.⁴¹

In 1805, Aaron moved farther north to Miami county.

"....the family pushed on toward Miami by way of Dayton, leaving their father, mother and sister at the cabin of Col. Patterson, our subject (John Thomson Tullis) with the other boys, drove on with the wagons, cows and calves, to the farm now owned by Mr. Turner, which then was all a forest; the cows and horses were belled and turned loose and the calves were tied up with ropes. The boys woke up next morning to find the horses gone, and the calves calling loudly for their dams which were not there."⁴²

Aaron acquired the following land patents in Miami county:

#642	Sec. 20	Town. 5	Range 6	11-20-1804	
#1539	" 21	"	"	"	
"	" 22	"	"	"	43

His first deed from the government was September 27, 1811.⁴⁴
Some of this land later became a part of the present-day city of Troy, Ohio.⁴⁵

"The site selected being 40 acres and 23 poles out of fractional section 21 and 22, town, 5, range 6, was owned by Aaron Tullis, my father, and deeded to Cornelius Westfall, Town Director, July 31, 1813, for \$120.30."⁴⁶

On June 29, 1807, Aaron Tullis and Sarah of Miami county sold land in Warren county to David Meacham.⁴⁷ On November 14, 1820,

⁴¹ Warren County, Ohio, Land Records, Mortgages, Book 1, pp. 289 & 327.

⁴² W. H. Beers, History of Miami County, Ohio, 1881, p. 717.

⁴³ Miami County, Ohio, Land Records.

⁴⁴ Ibid., Deed Book XIV, p. 309.

⁴⁵ Lindenberger, op. cit.

⁴⁶ Ibid.

⁴⁷ Warren County, Ohio, Land Records, Deeds, Book I, p. 411.

Aaron Tullis and wife Mary sold to the heirs of James Mason, deceased.⁴⁸

Aaron Tullis enlisted as a private in the War of 1812 and served in Captain George Buchanan's company from May 5, to August 13, 1812.⁴⁹

On July 2, 1816, Sarah (Thomson) Tullis died,⁵⁰ and on October 3, 1816, Aaron Sr. married Mary (Smith) Barbee, daughter of Adam and Elizabeth Smith.⁵¹ Mrs. Barbee was the widow of William Barbee Sr., who was also a soldier of the Revolution and the War of 1812. Two of her daughters, Sarah and Susannah, had married sons of Aaron Tullis.

Aaron Tullis signed a Petition for Association with the Protestant Episcopal Church which established Trinity Parish in Troy, 1831.⁵² His sons were Presbyterians, as were the Barbees.

In September of 1831, Aaron Tullis made the following declaration for a pension for his services in the Revolution.

"Before the Honourable George B. Holt, President Judge, and James Fenner, John Wilson and Thomas Adams, Esquires, Judges of our Court of Common Pleas for the County of Miami and State of Ohio, on the twelfth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty one.

"Be it remembered that heretofore, to wit, on the 16th day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight Hundred and thirty one, Aaron Tullis filed with the Clerk of this Court his application for pension which said application is in the words and figures following, to wit:

"The State of Ohio, Miami County: Court of Common Pleas,

⁴⁸ Ibid., Deeds, Book X, p. 357.

⁴⁹ Roster of Ohio Soldiers in the War of 1812, p. 100.

⁵⁰ Tombstone of Aaron and Sarah Tullis, Rose Hill Cemetery, Troy, Ohio.

⁵¹ Dillon, op. cit., p. 3.

⁵² Lindenberger, op. cit.

September term, A. D. 1831 - on this day of September 1831 personally appeared in open court being a Court of record for the County aforesaid, Aaron Tullis, resident in said County, aged 77 years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress on the 18th March 1818, and the first of May 1820. That the said Aaron Tullis enlisted for the term of one year (the date of which enlistment he does not recollect having lost his discharge but it was directly after the Battle of Bunker Hill) in Berkeley County in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Hugh Stinson in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment, that he continued to serve in said Company until the expiration of his term of service when he was discharged from the service on Staten Island in the State of New York, that he hereby relinquishes his every claim whatever to a pension except the present, that his name is not on the roll of any state except Virginia, that the following are the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension; that he is by occupation a farmer and has been heretofore able to support himself by manual labor, but that now the infirmities of age have rendered him unable to do so and that he is therefore compelled to apply to his Country for support and in pursuance of the act of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner disposed of my property, or any part thereof with intent thereby to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War, passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule annexed and by me subscribed that no material changes have taken place in any property since the 18th of March 1818 but such as must necessarily come in the term of thirteen years in the natural course of events and in the support of myself and family, except that since that time I have lost several horses. That his family consists of his wife Mary who's old (71 years of age) and infirm and is able to contribute but little toward their support, and also a girl named Catherine Dow, aged 17 years but that he has no control over her as guardian or Master and is liable to leave him at any time.

Aaron Tullis

"Aaron Tullis Application for Pension:

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court on the 16th day of
September 1831, before me -

John G. Telford, Clerk

"Schedule of Property:

$\frac{1}{2}$ of a Lot in Troy with improvements, \$275.00, one bed and
bedding \$40.00, one ditto \$20.00, one ditto \$20.00, 1 Bureau,
\$10.00, and 1 desk \$4.00, 1 table \$4.00, one stand \$3.00, 1
trunk \$3.00, sundry kitchen furniture \$40.00, 1 set of chairs
\$5.00, 1 chest \$2.00, 2 spinning wheels and reel \$3.00, 2
looking glasses \$1.75, irons and all \$2.50, 1 sorrell horse
\$55.00, 1 white ditto \$15.00, 3 Milch cows \$8.00 each, \$24.00,
2 yearlings \$4.00 each, 2 spring calves \$5.00, 5 head of
sheep \$4.50, 1 lot of hogs, \$8.00.

Total amount \$552.25

Schedule of debts owing applicant: John T. Tullis \$12.00

Sworn to and subscribed in open court 16th September 1831

John G. Telford Aaron Tullis

"And now at this time to wit the term of September in the year
of our Lord one thousand eight Hundred and thirty one, the
following was made, to wit:

It appears to the satisfaction of the Court that the
said Aaron Tullis did serve in the Revolutionary War as stated
in declaration presented read and sworn to in open Court
against the Common enemy for the term of nine months under one
engagement on the Continental establishment, and it is the
opinion of the Court that the total amount in value of
property exhibited in his schedule thereof is \$552.25.

Geo. B. Holt."⁵³

He received his pension of \$40 per annum until his death on
October 29, 1840, aged 87 years, 1 month, and 4 days. He is
buried with his second wife, Sarah, in the old Rose Hill
Cemetery in Troy, Ohio. His third wife, Mary Barbee Tullis,
passed away September 7, 1845.⁵⁴ She is buried in the old
Barbee cemetery across the road from the Alexander Telford
farm, north of Troy.

⁵³ Miami County, Ohio, Court Records, Book F, p. 156f.

⁵⁴ Dillon, op. cit., p. 3.

Children of Aaron and Jean Tullis

MOSES TULLIS JR. was born in Kentucky and died there unmarried.⁵⁵

SARAH TULLIS was born January 1, 1779.⁵⁶ She married a Mr. Sewell. They had the following children: Betsy, Katie, Sabin, and John. Mrs. Sewell died of consumption.⁵⁷

AARON TULLIS JR. was born March 13, 1782, and his biography will appear later.

STEPHEN TULLIS was born October 1, 1783. He was first married to a widow Mackey. Then on August 23, 1804, he married Dorothy Barber. They had the following children: John, Aaron, Milton, Sarah S., Thomas B., and Mary A. Stephen Tullis died December 23, 1850.⁵⁸

JOHN TULLIS was born September 11, 1785. He was married to Fanny Howard February 27, 1817.⁵⁹ They had seven children.⁶⁰

WILLIAM TULLIS was born July 5, 1787, and his biography will appear later.

CATY TULLIS was born April 6, 1789. She was married to Andrew Thomson on August 23, 1805.⁶¹ They had the following children: Aaron, Jane, David, Joel, Eliza, and Sallie.⁶²

DAVID R. TULLIS was born February 23, 1791. He was married to Susannah Barbee, daughter of William and Mary (Smith) Barbee, on November 28, 1815. Their children are mentioned under the heading of SUSANNAH BARBEE in the Barbee family history. David R. Tullis died August 25, 1867.⁶³

⁵⁵ Murray, op. cit.

⁵⁶ Brien, op. cit., p. 124f.

⁵⁷ Murray, op. cit.

⁵⁸ Lindenberger, op. cit.

⁵⁹ Warren County, Ohio, Marriage Records.

⁶⁰ Murray, op. cit.

⁶¹ Montgomery County, Ohio, Marriage Records.

⁶² Murray, op. cit.

⁶³ Lindenberger, op. cit.

JOEL TULLIS was born February 14, 1793. He was married to Jane Hannah, September 27, 1814.⁶⁴ They had the following children: Catherine, Malissa, Susannah, Andrew, Sylvester, and Oliver. Joel Tullis died October 11, 1854.⁶⁵

Children of Aaron and Sarah (Thomson) Tullis

JOHN THOMSON TULLIS was born July 14, 1794. He was married to Margaret McMillan Murray August 15, 1816. They had the following children: Sarah, James W., Gilbert, Sarah, George, Henry, and Mary.⁶⁶

Aaron Tullis Jr.

AARON TULLIS JR. was born in Kentucky on March 13, 1782. He came to Lebanon, Ohio, and there around 1803 married Mrs. Hathaway. They had three children: James, Elizabeth (died), and Amsa.

His first wife died, and he married Mary Mackey for his second wife. She was the daughter of Robert Mackey. "In 1804, he and his daughter Elizabeth came to this county from Kentucky. Remaining there a few weeks they returned to their home near the "Big Springs" between Frankfort and Lexington, Kentucky. In the fall of that same year Robert Mackey with his wife, six daughters and three sons started from their old Kentucky home and all its endearments to the then almost unbroken wilderness.

"On the evening of the first day they were joined by Wm. Barbee Sr. and Robert Marshall crossing the Ohio River in a flat bottom boat propelled by a rope and pulleys. Robert Mackey and family being strict members of the Presbyterian Church spent their first Sabbath in quiet at a country Inn a few miles south of Dayton. On Monday they resumed their journey and settled on the west bank of the Miami River near the town of Staunton, where they jointly entered several hundred acres of land. Within a few weeks of their coming here the Mother died and and father in 1829."⁶⁷

⁶⁴ Warren County, Ohio, Marriage Records.

⁶⁵ Lindenberger, op. cit.

⁶⁶ Brien, op. cit., p. 125.

⁶⁷ Letter from Mrs. Belle M. Dinsmore, granddaughter of Aaron Tullis Jr. to Mrs. Harry Ward Randolph, August 26, 1929.

There were five children from the union of Aaron Tullis Jr. and Mary Mackey.

AMANDA TULLIS married George Murray.

NANCY TULLIS died in infancy.

ELIZABETH TULLIS died at 22 years of age.⁶⁸

JAMES MARSHALL TULLIS was born March 22, 1815,⁶⁹ and his biography appears later.

SARAH TULLIS married David Dorsey September 17, 1842.⁷⁰

After Mary's death, Aaron Jr. married Elizabeth Tullis on February 17, 1820.⁷¹ Elizabeth Tullis was a daughter of William Tullis, brother to Aaron Tullis Sr., father of Aaron Jr.⁷²

By this marriage there were five children:

FRANKLIN TULLIS married Mary Martin.

ELIZA TULLIS married Elliott Miller, and they had one daughter, Emma.

MIRIAM TULLIS married Albert Shackelford March 29, 1849.⁷³
They had one son, Otis.⁷⁴

AARON BRANDIFF TULLIS died at two years of age.

EMMA TULLIS married William Van Dyke, and they had one son, born in Cincinnati.

Sometime after the third marriage, Aaron Jr. and family moved to Troy, and he died there on May 15, 1859, at the age of 77.

⁶⁸ Murray, op. cit.

⁶⁹ Tombstone of James Marshall and Mary Tullis near Attica, Indiana.

⁷⁰ Miami County, Ohio, Marriage Records.

⁷¹ Warren County, Ohio, Marriage Records.

⁷² Murray, op. cit.

⁷³ Miami County, Ohio, Marriage Records.

⁷⁴ Murray, op. cit.

His third wife died December 26, 1874, at the age of 87.⁷⁵
Aaron is buried in the Rose Hill Cemetery, Troy.⁷⁶

William Tullis

William Tullis was born in Mercer county, Kentucky, on July 5, 1787. The family moved to Warren county, Ohio, before 1800 and thence to Miami county in 1805. On September 3, 1812, William married Sarah Barbee, daughter of William and Mary (Smith) Barbee. They had the following children:

ELIZA TULLIS was born February 4, 1813.⁷⁷ She died July 11, 1821.

SILAS TULLIS was born May 20, 1815. He died July 11, 1830.

MARY SMITH TULLIS was born June 4, 1817, and her biography appears later.

EMILY TULLIS married Richard Sharp November 4, 1847.

SARAH S. TULLIS married Oliver M. Tullis, son of Joel Tullis, her uncle. They were married October 24, 1850.

LAVINA TULLIS was born January 10, 1823. She married Benjamin Wykoff October 3, 1849. He died February 10, 1852, and she married D. B. Morgan on September 1, 1860.⁷⁸

WILLIAM TULLIS was born May 31, 1826. He died April 28, 1827.

SOPHRONIA TULLIS was born February 28, 1828. She died August 25, 1839.

AUGUSTUS TULLIS was born March 3, 1833. He married Harriet E. Harlan on January 1, 1855.⁷⁹ He later moved to Fountain county, Indiana, where his sister Mary and her husband lived. He died there January 23, 1878.⁸⁰

WILLIAM B. TULLIS was born March 10, 1836. He died May 20, 1853

⁷⁵ Notes from Mrs. Anna (Tullis) Hutton, a granddaughter.

⁷⁶ Rose Hill Cemetery, Troy, Ohio.

⁷⁷ All dates of young children are from Rose Hill Cemetery graves.

⁷⁸ Miami County, Ohio, Marriage Records.

⁷⁹ Ibid.

⁸⁰ Tombstone in Bethel Cemetery, east of Attica, Indiana.

William and Sarah lived in and around Troy the rest of their lives. Sarah died December 2, 1857, and in 1859, William married Mary Locke.⁸¹ There were no children by this marriage. She died in 1861. William then moved in with his daughter, Mrs. Lavina Morgan.⁸² There he lived his last days, dying on January 27, 1868, in Troy. "They took sweet counsel together and walked into the house of God in company and the Lord shall help them and save them because they trusted in Him."⁸³

James Marshall and Mary (Tullis) Tullis

James Marshall Tullis was born March 22, 1815. On May 11, 1837,⁸⁴ he was married to Mary Tullis, daughter of William Tullis. She was also his first cousin. She was born June 4, 1817. They had seven children, born in Troy, and then the family moved to Fountain county, Indiana, in 1852, settling in Logan township, near Bethel.

"They were converted early in life, and always acknowledged the word of God as the proper rule of life. For some years, Mr. Tullis was not active and earnest in Christian work; nevertheless he was a man who endorsed the plainest truths of the Gospel and honored those who proclaimed them. He endeavored to bring up his children in the fear and admonition of the Lord.

"Mrs. Tullis was a faithful Christian mother. She had grace to bear the trials incident to the care of a family, and, as will be seen in these pages, to bear painful and long-continued bodily affliction with the utmost patience and resignation.

"Mr. and Mrs. Tullis were persons of remarkably good judgment and sound Christian principles. They were honest, industrious and frugal; teaching their children that industry and economy, coupled with strict integrity, were the surest means to success in life.

"There were twelve children in the Tullis family--ten of whom reached maturity. It was growing somewhat unfashionable, even at that time, to have order in a household; but there was family government in the Tullis home. The word of the father was the

⁸¹ Miami County, Ohio, Marriage Records.

⁸² Letter from Lillie Porterfield, a niece, to Mrs. John E. Miller, November 20, 1914.

⁸³ Inscription from tombstone of William and Sarah Tullis, Rose Hill Cemetery, Troy, Ohio.

⁸⁴ Miami County, Ohio, Marriage Records.

law of the child. There was but little punishment; but there was obedience to parental authority."⁸⁵

In 1860, James Tullis had real estate valued at \$1140 and personal property of \$2000.⁸⁶ In 1864, he purchased the E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 35, town 22, range 7 west--80 acres.⁸⁷ In 1870, he had real estate valued at \$19,500 and personal property of \$2500.⁸⁸

He was always known for his sociability. On Sundays the family went just across the field to the Bethel Church, and usually he would invite members of the congregation over for dinner. His wife was left to get enough food on the table. Sometimes this was a little difficult with twelve children of their own to feed.⁸⁹

James Marshall Tullis died on June 4, 1878, at the age of 63. His wife became an invalid in 1885, and she was cared for by her daughters Sophronia, Anna, and Lou. She died December 6, 1901, at the age of 84.⁹⁰ Both are buried in the Bethel Cemetery in view of their home.

Children of James Marshall and Mary (Tullis) Tullis

SARAH ANGELINE TULLIS was born in Troy, Ohio, on July 7, 1838, the first child of James and Mary Tullis. In 1852, she moved with the family to Logan township, Fountain county, Indiana. On December 16, 1862, she was married to Dr. Jonas B. Randolph, a graduate of the University of Michigan Medical School. One child, Harry Ward, was born to them. Dr. Randolph died December

⁸⁵ Walter W. Kelley, Memoirs of Mrs. Augusta Tullis Kelley, 1888, p. 10f.

⁸⁶ 1860 Census, Fountain County, Indiana, Logan township, p. 603.

⁸⁷ Fountain County, Land Records.

⁸⁸ 1870 Census, Fountain County, Indiana, Logan township, p. 56.

⁸⁹ Recollections of Mrs. George Ford, a daughter, as told to her daughter, Mrs. Frank Robbins.

⁹⁰ Tombstone at Bethel Cemetery, east of Attica, Indiana.

15, 1867. Sarah then moved back with her parents. On April 4, 1878, she was married to Elijah Bunnell, a farmer and cattle raiser. They lived in Milford, Illinois; Anderson, Indiana; Dayton, Ohio; and finally moved to Cincinnati, Ohio. Sarah Angeline, after the death of her husband, lived with her son and wife in Cincinnati, and she died there on July 19, 1918. She was a member of the Methodist church. She is buried in Spring Grove Cemetery, Cincinnati.⁹¹

LAURA LOUISE TULLIS was born in Troy, Ohio, March 30, 1840. In 1852, the family moved to Fountain county, Indiana, in a covered wagon. She was married on October 24, 1860, to Martin Baxter Thomson. They had five children: Lenna O., Flora, Everett Merville, Charles James, and Chester Tullis. After Lenna's birth, Martin went to the Civil War, and the other children were born after the war. They lived in Paxton, Illinois, after the war, and eventually the family moved to Girard, Kansas. Martin Thomson was a farmer and sold grain at one time. They were members of the Presbyterian church and the Republican party. Martin Thomson passed away on April 24, 1894, and his wife died on April 30, 1917. Both are buried in the Girard Cemetery, Girard, Kansas.⁹²

SOPHRONIA E. TULLIS was born in Troy, Ohio, on August 12, 1842. When a girl of 11, she moved to Bethel, near Attica, Indiana. She was a schoolteacher for twenty-five years, living with her parents. She was also a very active member of the Methodist church. When her mother became an invalid, she remained at home to assist with her care. She also helped raise the daughter of her deceased sister, Augusta. In June of 1912, when her niece married, Sophronia moved to Lafayette, Indiana, to live with her. She died in Lafayette on October 12, 1912 with tuberculosis, a disease with which she had suffered a long time. She is buried in the cemetery at Bethel, with her brother and sisters.⁹³

ORANGE SCOTT TULLIS was born in Troy, Ohio, on September 11, 1844. He remained at home to help his father with the farming

⁹¹ Information from Mrs. Harry Ward Randolph, a daughter-in-law, and from Mrs. C. E. Marlatt, a niece.

⁹² Information from Mrs. C. E. Marlatt, a niece, and Miss Ann Thomson, a granddaughter.

⁹³ Fountain-Warren Democrat, Attica and Williamsport, Indiana, October 17, 1912.

and took over the farming after his father died in 1878. On August 8, 1882, he was married to Ida Bell Timberlake. Two children were born to them: Charles Byron and Lola Emma. The daughter and Mrs. Tullis passed away two weeks apart, dying of black diphtheria. Mrs. Tullis died January 22, 1894. On March 10, 1902, he was married to Jessie May Frances. To them were born two more children: Elsie Norene, and Raymon Ivan. Scott Tullis was a farmer and a salesman. The family lived in Attica, Indiana; Sydney, Illinois; and the second marriage took place in Peoria, Illinois. In 1911, they moved to Denver, Colorado. Scott Tullis died there on July 21, 1923. He is buried in Spring Hill Cemetery, Danville, Illinois. His wife passed away on September 29, 1945. Both were members of the Methodist church and the Democratic party.⁹⁴

FRANCIS BOUCHER TULLIS was born in Troy, Ohio, on January 16, 1847. When he was six, the family moved to Bethel. One day when he was eleven years old, he was running out to the barn with a large knife. He tripped over an object and ran the butcher knife through his throat.⁹⁵ He died as a result of the wound on June 3, 1858. He is buried in the family burial plot at Bethel, near Attica.

EDGAR PRINDLE TULLIS was born in Troy, Ohio, March 11, 1849. In 1852, the family moved to Bethel, near Attica. He was a farmer until 1878, when he became a minister of the Free Methodist church. On November 25, 1880, he married Alice Jeanette Loso. To this union were born six children: Olive Jessamine, James Harrison, Mabel Tressa, Charles Manion, Clarence Victor, and Angeline Ruth. Edgar served as a minister for eleven years. In 1883, the family moved to Wisconsin, where he served the following charges: Pierceville, Montfort, and Pardeeville. He remained in Pardeeville from 1890 to 1906. In 1906, the family moved to Evansville. Edgar was also a paper hanger, and his wife was engaged in carpet weaving. In 1911, the family moved to Brooklyn, where Edgar died on August 24, 1924. He is buried in Mount Hope Cemetery, Brooklyn, Wisconsin. His wife died May 6, 1938.⁹⁶

⁹⁴ Information from Mrs. Elsie Gilley, a daughter, and Mrs. C. E. Marlatt, a niece.

⁹⁵ Mrs. George Ford, op. cit.

⁹⁶ Information from Mrs. Angeline Sprecher, a daughter.

MARY ALICE TULLIS was born in Troy, Ohio, on July 30, 1851. As a small child she moved with the family to Bethel. She died at Bethel on April 8, 1853, and is buried in the family burial plot with six of her twelve brothers and sisters.

EMMA ELIZA TULLIS was born at Bethel on June 28, 1854. She died of unknown cause on May 1, 1864. She is buried with her brother and sisters at Bethel.

MARTHA AUGUSTA TULLIS was born at Bethel on June 10, 1856. The following is from her journal: "I joined the M. E. Church at the age of nine years, professed religion at the age of thirteen, and was converted to God at the age of seventeen. I enjoyed almost unmolested peace for about five months, when I had to decide whether I would take the narrow unpopular way or the broad compromising road. I have great reason to rejoice that God enabled me to decide for Him." She became a schoolteacher and then an evangelist. On April 21, 1885, she was married to William Wallace Kelley at North Chili, New York. Immediately they set sail for Africa as missionaries. They returned and settled in Texas in January of 1887. Later that year they returned to Paxton, Illinois. In November a daughter, Mary, was born to them. On December 1, 1887, weakened by childbirth, she died of a heart attack in Paxton. She is buried in the family plot at Bethel. Her husband passed away May 17, 1899.⁹⁷

ANNA MAY TULLIS was born at Bethel on July 11, 1858. She also became a schoolteacher as did her sisters. She helped care for her invalid mother and her orphaned niece. On October 15, 1907, she was married to William Hutton, a Civil War veteran and farmer. That same year they moved to Monticello, Indiana. She lived in Monticello until Mr. Hutton's death in November of 1927. She then began living in the Soldier's Home in Lafayette, Indiana, during the winters and kept her home in Monticello in the summer. After 1940 she moved to the Soldier's Home and remained there until her death on April 23, 1953, at the age of 94. She is buried in Riverside Cemetery, Monticello, Indiana. She was a member of the Methodist church.⁹⁸

ESTA LOU TULLIS was born at Bethel on September 9, 1860. She received her education in the nearby schools. She then became an evangelist like her two sisters, Augusta and Belle. She

⁹⁷ Information from Mrs. Mary Marlatt, a daughter.

⁹⁸ Information from Mrs. Mary Marlatt, Danville, Illinois, a niece.

also helped care for her invalid mother in Attica. She died of an unknown cause on January 14, 1894, and she is buried in the family plot with her brother and five sisters at Bethel.⁹⁹

ADA BELLE TULLIS was born at Bethel on May 21, 1862. She became a singing evangelist in the Free Methodist Church, and it was through the church in Oxford, Indiana, that she met her husband, George Washington Ford. They were married on March 20, 1890. The following children were born to them: Faith Leone, June Bertram, Harry Tullis, and Mabel Ruth. Her husband was a building contractor and farmer. Most of their lives they lived in various places in Warren, Benton, Tippecanoe, and White counties, Indiana. George Washington Ford died June 14, 1939, in Lafayette, Indiana. His wife lived with her children the rest of her days and passed away on June 1, 1944, in Monon, Indiana.¹⁰⁰

⁹⁹ Information from Mrs. C. E. Marlatt, a niece.

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